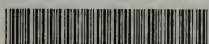


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[ HOUSE BILL, No. 10.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—January 27, 1863.—Read first and second times, referred to Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

[ By Mr. MILES.]

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## A BILL

To be entitled An Act to provide for the arrest of soldiers absent from their commands without leave, and providing compensation to their captors.

1     SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*  
2     *enact*, That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be  
3     the duty of every commander of a company in the armies of the  
4     Confederate States, so soon as he knows that any private or non-  
5     commissioned officer of his company is absent without leave, to  
6     send up a certificate of the fact to the commander of his brigade,  
7     who shall forthwith employ such responsible person or persons  
8     as he may think proper, to arrest and bring back to his command  
9     such absent private or non-commissioned officer.

1     SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever the delinquent  
2     absentee, together with the certificate above mentioned of his  
3     company commander, to the fact of his absence without leave,

4 shall be delivered to the commanding officer of a military post or  
5 camp, such commanding officer shall give a receipt for the  
6 delivery of such absentee to the person or persons so delivering  
7 him.

1 SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That upon the presentation of  
2 the receipt above mentioned to the quartermaster of the post or  
3 camp, it shall be the duty of the said quartermaster to pay to  
4 the person or persons presenting such receipt the sum of fifteen  
5 dollars, for which this law shall be his warrant and authority.

1 SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the  
2 commanding officer of the post or camp who receives the private  
3 or non-commissioned officer so delivered, to send as speedily as  
4 practicable such private or non-commissioned officer back to the  
5 commanding officer of the company to which he belongs, together  
6 with a copy of the receipt which he has given to the person or  
7 persons delivering him.

1 SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the  
2 commanding officer of the company to which the returned private  
3 or non-commissioned officer belongs, upon the delivery of the  
4 man and the copy of the receipt above mentioned, to enter on  
5 the muster and pay rolls of the company, opposite the name of  
6 such returned private or non-commissioned officer, the full sum  
7 of fifteen dollars, in order that the said sum may be deducted.

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